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Hindu Religious Endowments

Withholding tasdik to certain temples in South Kanara.

* 634 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state— 11-15 a.m.

(a) whether it is a fact that the tasdik amounts due to several institutions in the district of South Kanara have been held up by the Government at the instance of the District Temple Committee or the Hindu Religious Endowments Board for the past nearly two years; if so, under what powers the Board or the Committee issued the said instructions to the Collector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the tasdik amounts being the main source of income for several temples the viniyogas therein have been stopped or are not properly performed;

(c) whether it is a fact that, when the Board or the Committee ordered the withholding of the tasdik amounts, they did not make any arrangements for the proper carrying on of the ceremonies by the trustees in possession; and

(d) what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) to (d) Government have no information and have called for reports in the matter.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—“May I know when the information was called for and what is the reason for the delay?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—“The information was called for on the 4th.”

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—“Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to place the report on the table of the House?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—“I will consider the question when it is received.”

Public Health

Proposals regarding the free distribution of quinine in the coming year.

* 635 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what proposals have been made to the Government by the Director of Public Health regarding free distribution of quinine in the coming year;

(b) what further measures Government propose to take for the prevention and control of malaria;

(c) whether they propose to retain permanently the malarial establishment; and

(d) whether they have under consideration the establishment of any research stations for the study of preventive measures?

A.—(a) The Director of Public Health has submitted proposals for a revision of the areas in which quinine is distributed free and for an extension of the scheme to certain new areas, based on actual malaria surveys which have been done.